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SUBJECT: STATUS OF AGRICULTURAL OFFICER KOY NEELEY, GS-14

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1. WE AGREE THAT NEELEY SHOULD BE REDESIGNATED, TO ELIMINATE PRC OBJECTION TO HIS IDENTIFICATION AS "AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE" AND ALSO TO ASSURE HIM APPROPRIATE PROTOCOL STATUS.

2. BY LAW, DIPLOMATIC TITLES SUCH AS "FIRST SECRETARY" MAY BE GRANTED ONLY TO FSO/FSR PERSONNEL (COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN FOREIGN SERVICE). PER HAS NO PROBLEM, HOWEVER, WITH IDENTIFYING NEELEY TO CHINESE BY USE OF HIS FUNCTIONAL TITLE FOLLOWED BY FORMULA "WHOSE PERSONAL RANK IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF FIRST SECRETARY."

3. USDA WOULD PREFER THAT NEELEY'S FUNCTIONAL TITLE FOR
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3. USDA WOULD PREFER THAT NEELEYS FUNCTIONAL TITLE FOR THISAND SUBSEQUENT PURPOSESBE"AGRICULTURALOFFICER," BUT IS WILLING TO ACCEPT "ECONOMIC OFFICER IF CHINESE OBJECT TO "AGRICULTURAL" DESIGNATION.

4. WE LEAVE MODALITIES TO USLO, BUT USLO OFFICER MIGHT CALL ON HSU TSUNG-HSI TO EXPLAIN THAT HENCEFORTH NEELEY IS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY FUNCTIONAL TITLE, AND THAT HIS RANK IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF FIRST SECRETARY. AS WE CONCEIVE IT, YOU WOULD FIRST GIVE NEELEY'S FUNCTIONAL TITLE AS "AGRICULTURAL OFFICER," BUT BE PREPARED TO FALL BACK TO "ECONOMIC OFFICER" IF HSU OBJECTS. YOU COULD THEN ASK HSU WHAT PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED TO OBTAIN AMENDMENT OF ID CARD AND OTHER MFA RECORDS TO REFLECT NEELEY'S PROPER RANK.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE POST COMMENTS.

6. USDA (HORBALY) CONCURS.
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